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Docket No.

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Transmittal of Continuing Application Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Please file a continuation divisional continuation-in-part application of pending prior patent application no. 09/384,351, filed on August 27, 1999.

of Jamie J. McNutt, Nicole L. Squire and William J. O'Briskie

entitled LARGE SIZED CARBON BLACK PARTICLES TO REDUCE NEEDED MIXING ENERGY OF HIGH HARDNESS, STIFF TIRE COMPOSITIONS

1. Enclosed are application papers as amended, including the specification, claims, drawings (if any), and oath or declaration.
2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. Cancel claims ____.
4. ____ sheet(s) of drawings is/are enclosed.
5. This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention claimed in this application:
6. Please abandon the last-mentioned prior application.
7. An assignment is enclosed, or of record in the prior application.
8. A power of attorney is enclosed, or of record in the prior application.
9. Enclosed is a written request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) regarding petitions for extensions of time.

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Basic fee	N/A	\$710.	\$710.
Total claims 16 - 20 =	0	× \$18.	\$0.
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WRITTEN REQUEST REGARDING PETITIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), Applicants authorize the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to treat any reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as containing a request for a petition of the appropriate length of time.

Additionally, the USPTO is authorized to charge all fees, including those due pursuant to the preceding paragraph, to Deposit Account 06-0925.

Respectfully submitted,


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**REMARKS ACCOMPANYING FILING OF
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In response to the objections and suggestions contained in the Office Action dated November 6, 2001 for Application Number 09/384,351, Applicants submit herewith a Continuation-in-part application in which the previously requested amendments to the specification have been made. Additionally, in response to objections raised by the Examiner in that Office Action, Applicants wish to direct the attention of the Examiner to ASTM D1765-99b. Applicants believe that the data contained in this standard for N660 type carbon blacks demonstrates that N660 carbon black does not satisfy the claims of the present invention. Specifically, as found in D1765-99b, N660 carbon black has a DBP No. target value of 90, which is outside of Applicants claimed range.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 9 and 16, in response to a reference not previously before the Examiner, and which is submitted herewith in an information disclosure statement, such that the upper limit DBP value of the claimed carbon black is 45.

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Applicants submit that claims 1-16 are in a condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable consideration thereof.

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